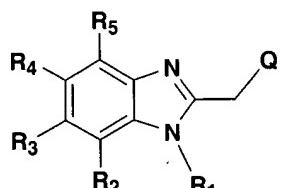


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Delete claims 2 and 3.

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows.

Claim 1 (amended once) A compound of Formula I, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,



Formula I

wherein:

R₁ is -(CR^aR^b)_n-X;

R^a, R^b are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, C₁₋₆ alkyl; each of said C₁₋₆ alkyl being optionally substituted with one to six same or different halogen;

X is H or C₁₋₆ alkyl; said C₁₋₆ alkyl being optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of (1) one to six same or different halogen or hydroxy, (2) heteroaryl, (3) non-aromatic heterocyclic ring and (4) a member selected from Group A;

n is 1-6;

~~Group A is a member selected from the group consisting of halogen, CN, OR^x, N⁺R^eR^dR^eF},~~

~~NR^eR^d, COR^e, CO₂R^x, CONR^xR^y and S(O)_mR^e;~~

~~R^x and R^y are independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;~~

~~R^e, R^d and R^e are independently C₁₋₆ alkyl;~~

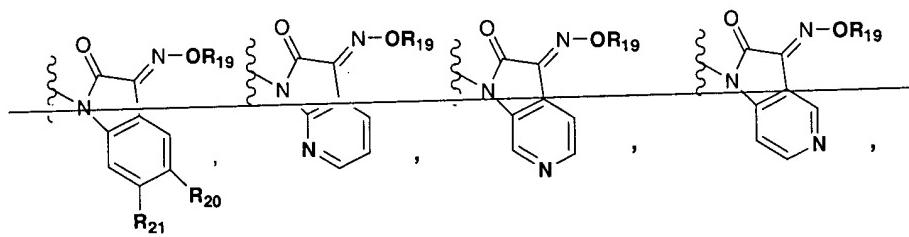
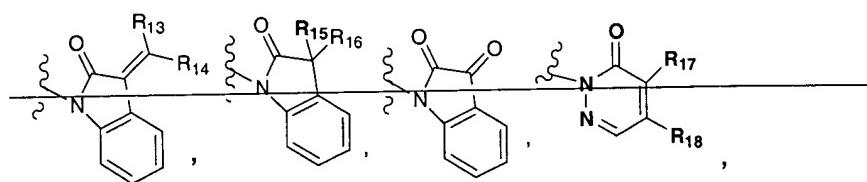
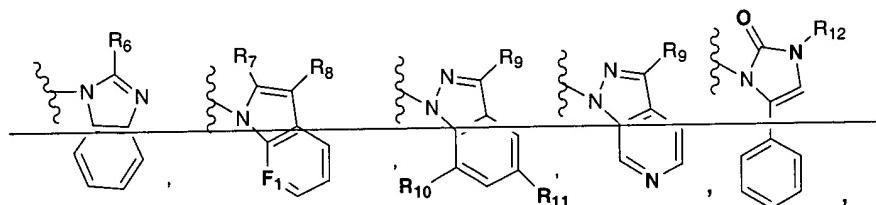
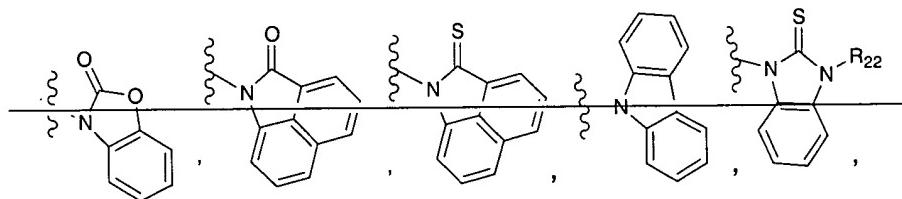
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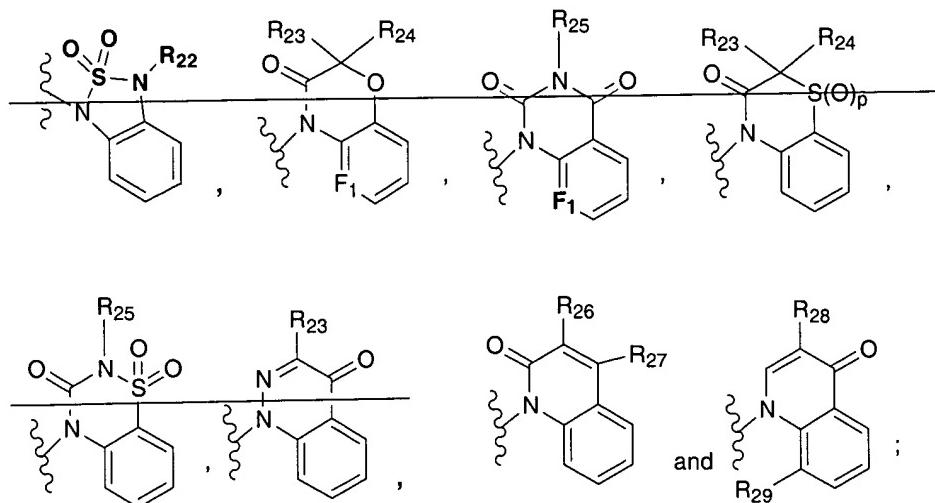
~~T is halogen, CF_3SO_3^- or CH_3SO_3^- ;~~

R_2 and R_5 are independently halogen or H;

R_3 and R_4 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen and C_{1-6} alkyl; said C_{1-6} alkyl can be optionally substituted with one to six same or different halogen;

Q is a member selected from the group consisting of





F_1 is CH or N ;

R_6 is selected from the group consisting of H , halogen, NR^fR^g , SR^h and a five-membered heteroaryl containing one to two of the same or different heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O , S and N ;

R^f and R^g are independently H , C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkyl; said C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted with OR^h or CO_2R^h ;

R^h is and R^i are independently H or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^h is C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted with CO_2R^h ;

R_7 is H , or CO_2R^h ;

R_8 is H , COR^h , CO_2R^h or C_{1-6} alkyl; said C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted with OR^h ;

R_9 is H , halogen, heteroaryl, phenyl, phenyl substituted with a halogen group, phenyl substituted with a methanesulfonyl group, COR^h , CO_2R^h , C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, and C_{2-4} alkynyl; said C_{2-4} alkynyl optionally substituted with C_{1-6} cycloalkyl;

~~R₁₀ and R₁₁ are independently H, NO₂ or NR^hRⁱ~~

~~R₁₂ is H, CO₂R^h or C₁₋₂-alkyl; said C₁₋₂-alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl;~~

~~R₁₃ and R₁₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, OR^h, CONR^hR^k, NRR^m and pyrrolidine; wherein said pyrrolidine is attached at the nitrogen atom;~~

~~R^j and R^k are independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl;~~

~~R^l and R^m are independently C₁₋₆ alkyl;~~

~~R₁₅ and R₁₆ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, OR^h, phenyl, pyridyl and C₁₋₆ alkyl; said C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with CO₂R^h;~~

~~R₁₇ and R₁₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, NR^lR^m, SR^h and morpholine; wherein said morpholine is attached at the nitrogen atom;~~

~~R₁₉ is selected from the group consisting of H, phenyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl and C₁₋₆ alkyl; said C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with one to six same or different halogen, CO₂R^h, CONR^hRⁱ, pyridyl and one to three phenyl groups; wherein in the case of C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with one phenyl group, said phenyl group is optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of halogen, PO(O^hR^h)₂, CO₂R^h, SO₂R^h and CONR^hRⁱ;~~

~~Rⁿ is C₁₋₆ alkyl;~~

~~R₂₀ and R₂₁ are independently H or halogen;~~

~~R₂₂ is C₁₋₆ alkyl;~~

~~R₂₃ and R₂₄ are independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;~~

~~R₂₅ is C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl or C₁₋₆ alkyl; said C₁₋₆ alkyl group optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of CO₂R^h, PhCO₂R^h and one to six same or different halogens;~~

R_{26} is selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl; C_{2-6} alkenyl, OR^h and COR^h ; said C_{2-6} alkenyl being optionally substituted with OR^h ;

R_{27} is H, OR^h or CO_2R^h ;

R_{28} is CO_2R^h ; and

R_{29} is H or halogen.

~~heteroaryl is a 5- or 6-membered aromatic ring containing at least one and up to four non-carbon atoms selected from the group consisting of O, N and S;~~

~~non-aromatic heterocyclic ring is a 3 to 7-membered non-aromatic ring containing at least one and up to four non-carbon atoms selected from the group consisting of O, N and S; and~~

~~p is 0-2.~~

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (original) A compound of claim 1 wherein:

R^a and R^b are hydrogen.

Claim 5 (original) A compound of claim 1 wherein:

R_1 is $-(CH_2)_n-X$ and n is 2-4.

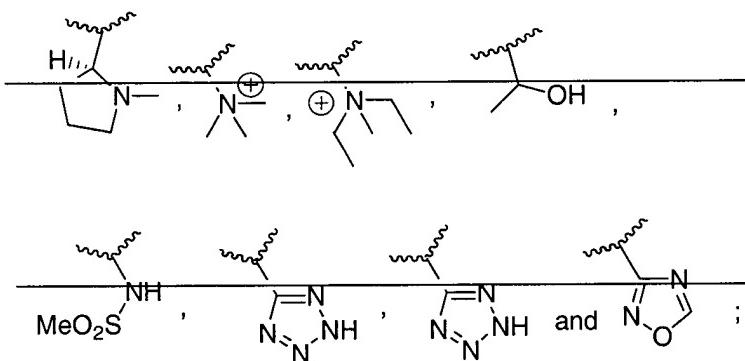
Claim 6 (original) A compound in claim 1 wherein R₃ and R₄ are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, fluorine and C₁₋₂ alkyl; said C₁₋₂ alkyl being optionally substituted with one to three fluorine atoms.

Claim 7 (amended once) A compound in claim 1 wherein:

R₁ is 3-methyl-2-butyl or -(CH₂)_n-X; and wherein n is 2-4;

X is a member selected from the group consisting of

~~-F, -CN, -SR^c, -SO₂R^c, -OR^x, -COR^c, CO₂R^x, CONR^xR^y,~~
~~[NR^cR^dR^e]^[T],~~



~~R^e, R^d and R^e are independently C₁₋₄ alkyl; and~~

~~R^x and R^y are independently H or C₁₋₄ alkyl.~~

Claim 8 (original) A compound of claim 1 wherein:

R₂ and R₅ are independently H.

Claim 9 (previously cancelled).

Claim 10 (original) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a therapeutically effective amount of one or more of the aforementioned compounds as claimed in any one of claims 1-8, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.